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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 09/652,580

Confirmation No.

: 4283

Applicant: Vishnu K. Agarwal

Filed

: August 31, 2000

Attorney Docket No.: 501082.16

Art Unit

: 2825

Customer No.

: 27,076

Examiner: Caridad Everhart

Title

: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING AGAINST OXIDATION OF A

CONDUCTIVE LAYER IN SAID DEVICE

## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Sir:

Applicant requests continued examination, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, of the above-identified application.

## 1. Submission Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. [X] Submission previously submitted
  - i. [X] Consider the amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on December 8, 2003.
  - ii. \(\pi\) Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed
  - iii. [] Consider the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) previously filed on

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b. [] S	Submission enclosed		
	i. [] Amendment/Reply		
	ii. [] Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)		
	iii. [] Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)		
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0	Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months.		
3. Accompa	nying Papers		
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4. Deposit A	Account		
[X]	The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1266.		
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additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and 1.136(a)(3) and credit any over payments to Deposit Account		nall Entity		
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1002 <b>340</b> 2002 <b>170</b> [] Design Filing Fee	1252 420 225	52 <b>210</b> Extension for reply within 2 <sup>nd</sup> month	\$	
1003 530 2003 265 [] Plant Filing Fee	1253 950 225	475 Extension for reply within 3 <sup>rd</sup> month	\$	
1004 770 2004 385 [] Reissue Filing Fee	1254 1,480 225	740 Extension for reply within 4 <sup>th</sup> month	\$	
1005 160 2005 80 [] Provisional Filing Fee	1255 <b>2,010</b> 225	1,005 Extension for reply within 5 <sup>th</sup> month	\$	
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES	1402 330 240	165 Filing a brief in support of an appeal	\$	
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